

Labor Resources for Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Executive Summary

This profile contains information about the labor force within a 30 minute and 45 minute commuting distance from the center of Moncks Corner, South Carolina. Moncks Corner is located in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

The profile examines three issues: labor force characteristics, the availability of labor, and the average wages and salaries in the community of Moncks Corner.

Labor Situation at a Glance in Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Labor Force Characteristics	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Population, 2004	100,549	254,414	4,198,068
Labor Force, 2004	43,842	112,387	2,046,179
Availability of Labor	within 30 min.	within 45 min.	South Carolina
Unemployed Workers, 2004	2,638	6,882	139,607
Unemployment Rate, 2004	6.0%	5.9%	6.8%
Workers Affected by Layoffs (Past 2 Years)	232	544	22,196
Average Wages	Berkeley County	South Carolina	United States
2003 Avg. Weekly Wage	\$623	\$581	\$658

Labor Force Characteristics for Moncks Corner, South Carolina

The composition and size of a community's labor force is linked very closely with demographic and economic conditions and trends in the region. The following labor force profile provides basic information on the population base and labor force characteristics so that the reader can better assess labor force conditions in the community.

Labor Force			
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Labor Force 2004	43,842	112,387	2,046,179
Change since 2000	-1,420	-3,283	49,079
Population			
Population 2004	100,549	254,414	4,198,068
Change since 2000	5,155	16,645	186,056
Projected 2010	111,214	292,454	4,446,704
Gender Distribution			
Male	50,705	126,713	2,040,261
Female	49,843	127,700	2,132,454
Age Distribution			
Ages 20-34	22,834	55,165	875,330
Ages 35-49	22,562	57,100	925,330
Ages 50-64	16,226	41,868	739,980
20-54 *Prime Working Age	51,841	128,907	2,084,880
Highest Level of Educational Attainment			
High School	33,096	78,643	778,054
Some College	23,980	58,751	500,194
Associate Degree	7,329	18,550	173,428
Bachelors Degree	11,337	32,852	351,526
Post Bachelor	5,166	16,278	178,529

**Prime working age group:*
People between the ages of 18-54 are often referred to as the prime working age group. In staffing a new facility, prudent managers often prefer to staff its production work force with workers whose ages form a normal distribution curve. This provides for stability, flexibility and continuity of knowledge.

Source: 2004 Estimates Based on 2000 U.S. Census of Population and
Woods and Poole, 2003 Edition

Employment Characteristics for Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Total Employment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
2004	41,204	105,505	1,906,571

Total Employment data include all full and part-time wage and salaried workers in the area. These people may or may not reside in the area.

Monthly Employment by Sector In Berkeley County			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	33	283	12,379
Mining	56	128	1,603
Utilities	205	409	11,891
Construction	2,348	6,425	111,730
Manufacturing	4,549	11,929	275,573
Wood product manufacturing	17	170	8,371
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	230	644	9,155
Primary metal manufacturing	1,069	1,799	6,317
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	51	510	27,357
Machinery manufacturing	55	331	21,278
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	4	62	7,666
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg.		32	10,748
Transportation equipment manufacturing	631	1,377	30,932
Furniture and related product manufacturing	29	104	4,225
Miscellaneous manufacturing	22	151	7,846
Food manufacturing	28	94	17,832
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing		3	1,445
Textile mills	10	389	40,207
Textile product mills	10	76	9,724
Apparel manufacturing	1	17	5,321
Paper manufacturing			14,710
Printing and related support activities	15	94	7,327
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing			288
Chemical manufacturing	838	1,540	21,659
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	8	75	23,054
Wholesale Trade	842	2,408	62,523
Retail Trade	3,449	11,015	224,031
Transportation and Warehousing	1,183	3,164	46,941
Education and Health Services	2,155	9,404	156,232
Leisure and Hospitality	2,510	9,150	192,748
Professional and Business Services	1,772	7,227	186,481

Source: 2003 Covered Wages, SC Employment Securities Commission

Largest Industries by Total Employment In Berkeley County, SC

Company Name	City	Primary Product/Service	Employment	Date Est.
SPAWAR Systems	N. Charleston	Navy communications systems	2200	1994
Nucor Steel	Huger	Rolled steel, sheets, coils	847	1997
Bayer Corp	Goose Creek	Dyestuffs, pigments, colorants	739	1970
Blackbaud	Charleston	Computer software	719	1989
Jacobs Applied Technology	Goose Creek	Chemical process systems	700	1998
Alcoa-Mt Pleasant	Goose Creek	Primary aluminum	650	1980
Williams Technologies	Summerville	Remanufacture transmissions	550	1979
Mikasa Inc	Charleston	Household products	502	1997
CR Bard Inc	Moncks Corner	Foley catheter	462	1977
JW Aluminum	Goose Creek	Aluminum foil	450	1980
Norton McNaughton Apparel	Goose Creek	Women's apparel distribution	431	
Gates Rubber Co	Moncks Corner	Timing belts, rubber	285	1975
Quoizel	Goose Creek	Lighting products	285	1998
Piggly Wiggly	Summerville	Grocery food distribution	273	1998
DAK Americas	Moncks Corner	Polyester resin	251	2001
Albany International	St Stephen	Finishing plant	232	1956
Agfa Corporation	Goose Creek	X-ray film	212	1992
Bellwright Industries Inc	Summerville	CNC Machining	200	1977
BP Chemical Co	Wando	Purified terephthalic acid	192	1977
Georgia-Pacific Corp	St Stephen	Particleboard	151	1971

Employer-Employee Relationship

Employer-employee relations in South Carolina are very stable and the state consistently ranks as one of the least unionized in the nation. In 2004, only 4.5 percent of the state's workers were members of a labor union. Additionally, the state has consistently had one of the lowest work stoppage rates in the United States. On average, less than .01 percent of working time was lost due to strikes in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries combined.

Availability of Labor

Labor Force Participation & Unemployment

Labor Force Participation & Unemployment			
Year	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Labor Force (2004)	43,842	112,387	2,046,179
Labor Force Change from 2000	-1,420	-3,283	49,079
Labor Force Participation Rate	44%	44%	49%
Unemployment (2004)	2,638	6,882	139,607
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.9%	6.8%

The *labor force participation* rate is the percentage which results from dividing the labor force count by the total population.

Unemployment reflects the total number of persons who do not have a job and are actively seeking employment.

Other Potential Sources of Labor Supply

Total Jobs Lost Due to Mass Closings and Layoffs Past Two Years			
Sector	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Total	232	544	22,196
Manufacturing	203	493	19,196
Distribution	23	38	1,213
Service	6	13	1,745
Other	-	-	42

Recent closings and layoffs are a rich source of skilled and experienced labor for companies seeking to locate or expand in a given area. Industries in which layoffs and closings occur can provide some indication of the skills and knowledge-base of many unemployed and underemployed workers in a region.

Commuters to Other Areas			
	30 min. Drive time	45 min. Drive time	South Carolina
Commuters to other areas	22,681	51,633	31,833

Source: 2000 U.S. Census of Population

Workers commuting to places outside their resident are a significant source of experienced labor for new and expanding industries. These workers may be willing to consider an opportunity for employment nearer their place of residence.

Recent Graduates of South Carolina's Colleges and Universities

Certificates/Degrees Conferred From Technical Colleges in Select Degrees Within 45 Minute Drive Time of Berkeley County, SC	
Degree Area	Two Year Certificates/Degrees Conferred 2002 - 2004
Computer and Information Sciences (Total)	273
Data Processing Technology	87
Engineering Technologies (Total)	203
Electrical ,Electronic & Communications	20
Mechanical Engineering/Tech	6
Mechanic & Repair Technologies (Total)	145
Industrial Electronics	*
HVAC	27
Precision Production (Total)	91
Machine Tool Technology/Machinist	56

Graduation From South Carolina's Four Year Colleges and Universities In Select Degrees		
	Degrees Conferred (2002-2004)	
	Bachelors	Post- Grad
Computer and Information Science (Total)	910	108
Computer Engineering	150	149
Computer Programming	12	5
Engineering & Related Technologies (Total)	1,316	786
Chemical Engineering	136	38
Electrical Engineering	257	150
Industrial Engineering	78	44
Mechanical Engineering	268	95
Business Admin & Management	4,754	1,018
International Business/Trade	178	276

Source: South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Wages and Salaries

Average Wage and Salary Comparison			
Sector	Berkeley County	South Carolina	United States
Avg. Weekly Wages*	\$623	\$581	\$658
Avg. Annual Salary*	\$32,374	\$30,240	\$37,508
Avg. Hourly Prod. Wages**	N/A	\$14.73	\$16.14

*Covered Wages and Employment, 2003, SC Employment Securities Commission

** Employment & Earnings, 2004, U.S. Department of Labor

Average Annual Salary Manufacturing Sectors, 2004		
Sector	Berkeley County	South Carolina
Manufacturing Total	\$52,990	\$39,027
Wood product	***	\$30,808
Nonmetallic mineral product	\$40,758	\$39,031
Primary metal	\$64,892	\$49,695
Fabricated metal product	***	\$37,533
Machinery	\$31,623	\$39,952
Computer and electronic product	***	\$40,186
Electrical equipment and appliance	***	\$40,178
Transportation equipment	\$36,507	\$44,099
Furniture and related product	\$21,948	\$27,907
Miscellaneous	***	\$34,350
Food	\$20,563	\$26,620
Beverage and tobacco product	***	\$35,765
Textile mills	***	\$31,898
Textile product mills	***	\$25,618
Apparel	***	\$23,705
Paper	***	\$55,139
Printing and related support activities	\$18,107	\$36,634
Petroleum and coal products		\$49,113
Chemical	\$66,101	\$50,870
Plastics and rubber products	***	\$46,620

***Indicates data suppressed

Source: Covered Wages and Employment, SC Employment Securities Commission

Occupational Wages In Moncks Corner and Surrounding Area

Average Hourly Wages of Employees by Selected Non-Exempt Occupations For Berkeley Area			
Non-Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Assemblers and Fabricators	*	*	*
Butchers and Meat Cutters	\$8.23	\$9.96	\$10.94
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	*	*	*
Chemical Equipment Operators	*	*	*
Chemical Plant & System Operators	*	*	*
Electrical & Electronic Equip Tenders	\$8.90	\$10.80	\$12.20
Extruding & Forming Machine Setters	*	*	*
Grinding & Lapping Machine Operators	\$8.82	\$10.54	\$11.87
Logging Equipment Operators	\$9.43	\$11.17	\$12.95
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$11.02	\$15.26	\$18.69
Machine Tool Setters & Tenders	\$9.92	\$11.79	\$13.27
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	*	*	*
Machinists	\$11.10	\$13.71	\$16.33
Packaging & Filling Machine Op	*	*	*
Molding & Casting Machine Op	\$10.17	\$11.46	\$12.96
Sewing Machine Operators	*	*	*
Textile, Cutting Machine Operators	*	*	*
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.11	\$16.03	\$19.55
Welders, Cutters & Solderers	\$11.99	\$13.79	\$15.84
Woodworking Machine Setters	*	*	*
Average Salary of Employees by Selected Exempt Occupations For Berkeley Area*			
Exempt Occupations	Entry	Average	Experienced
Chemical Engineers	\$52,640	\$66,540	\$79,900
Computer Programmers	\$31,940	\$40,440	\$47,660
Engineers, NEC	\$36,420	\$55,340	\$69,440
First Line Production Man & Sup	\$28,340	\$41,220	\$53,020
Industrial Engineers	\$52,060	\$60,400	\$68,920
Mechanical Engineers	\$36,340	\$45,420	\$55,800

Source: *Occupational Wage Survey*, SC Employment Security Commission

* Indicates Suppressed Data or Data Not Available